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## Deadlines up to 15 November 2015

**Deadline Reminder:** <http://eurodesk.eu/deadline-reminder>.

Reference number	Deadline	Programme Title
EU0010000632	24 Aug 2015	<a href="#">EPP/CoRStudyVisitfor Master Students</a>
EU0010000576	28 Aug 2015	<a href="#">Europe in My Region Photo Competition 2015</a>
EU0010000527	30 Aug 2015	<a href="#">Europemobility Video Contest</a>
EU0010000651	30 Aug 2015	<a href="#">PhotoCompetition - Be ourguestphotographer!</a>
EU0010000667	31 Aug 2015	<a href="#">Lorenzo Natali Media Prize 2015</a>
EU0010000629	31 Aug 2015	<a href="#">Shining Stars of Europe Video Contest</a>
EU0010000303	31 Aug 2015	<a href="#">TheOne Minutes Jr. video competition</a>
EU0010000192	31 Aug 2015	<a href="#">Traineeships and Fellowships at the European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)</a>
EU0010000147	31 Aug 2015	<a href="#">Traineeships at the European Ombudsman</a>
EU0010000653	1 Sept 2015	<a href="#">EU Aid Volunteers initiative: Technical Assistance and Capacity Building</a>
EU0010000589	1 Sept 2015	<a href="#">Next Generation of Science Journalists Award</a>
EU0010000468	1 Sept 2015	<a href="#">Heinrich Böll Foundation grants scholarships (for study in Germany)</a>
EU0010000332	1 Sept 2015	<a href="#">Mediterranean JournalistAward</a>
EU0010000210	1 Sept 2015	<a href="#">Young European of the Year Award - Travel Fellowships &amp; InterRail-Global-Passes</a>
EU0010000028	2 Sept 2015	<a href="#">EU-Japan Training programmes</a>
EU0010000618	2 Sept 2015	<a href="#">Erasmus+Key Action2-Capacity Building in the field of youth</a>
EU0010000050	10 Sept 2015	<a href="#">Horizon2020: Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions</a>
EU0010000478	30 Sept 2015	<a href="#">International Citizen Media Award</a>
EU0010000096	30 Sept 2015	<a href="#">LIFE (2014-2020) ActionGrants</a>
EU0010000578	15 Sept 2015	<a href="#">Model UN Workshop</a>
EU0010000177	16 Sept 2015	<a href="#">DG Interpretation bursaries</a>
EU0010000020	30 Sept 2015	<a href="#">Traineeships at the Committee of the Regions</a>
EU0010000152	30 Sept 2015	<a href="#">Traineeships at the Economic and Social Committee</a>
EU0010000180	30 Sept 2015	<a href="#">Traineeship at the Court of Justice</a>
EU0010000021	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#">Traineeship at the Council of the European Union</a>
EU0010000085	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#">European Youth Foundation - Grants for international youth activities</a>
EU0010000229	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#">International youth activities held in co-operation with the European Youth Centres</a>

EU0010000584	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#">OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Research Fellowship</a>
EU0010000604	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#">Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for young people-European Voluntary Service</a>
EU0010000606	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#">Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for young people-Youth Exchanges</a>
EU0010000607	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#">Erasmus+Key Action1-Mobility project for Youth workers</a>
EU0010000615	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#">Erasmus+Key Action2-Strategic Partnerships</a>
EU0010000619	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#">Erasmus+Key Action3-Structured Dialogue: meetings between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth</a>
EU0010000631	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#">Training placements at the European Parliament</a>
EU0010000650	1 Oct 2015	<a href="#">Erasmus+ Key action3: Support for policy reform-Initiatives for policy innovation</a>
EU0010000329	11 Oct 2015	<a href="#">BEST courses for students of technology</a>
EU0010000404	11 Oct 2015	<a href="#">EuropeanYouth Capital</a>
EU0010000004	15 Oct 2015	<a href="#">Traineeships and Study Visits at the European Parliament</a>
EU0010000345	15 Oct 2015	<a href="#">Traineeships at the European Parliament for people with disabilities</a>
EU0010000487	20 Oct 2015	<a href="#">EU PrizeforWomenInnovators 2016</a>
EU0010000150	31 Oct 2015	<a href="#">Internshipprogramme at the Office of theUnitedNations High Commissionerfor Human Rights</a>
EU0010000263	31 Oct 2015	<a href="#">Internships at theWorld Bank</a>

## Documentation

### **Second edition of the European Tertiary Education Register (ETER)**

ETER is the only Europe-wide compilation of comparable data about individual higher education institutions, covering more than 2,200 universities and colleges in Europe. It provides detailed data on 2,293 higher education institutions hosting more than 17 million students. Covering 31 European countries, the data include university size, number and gender of students and staff, subject areas and degree levels, as well as information about research, international students and staff, and funding. It aims to help policymakers to manage their higher education systems, and to enable universities to compare themselves with others and identify opportunities for research collaboration or specialisation.

<http://eter.joanneum.at/imdase-eter>

### **Eurydice Brief: Early Leaving from Education and Training (ELET)**

Published by Eurydice, the report shows that collectively Member States are getting closer to the EU headline target: by 2020, the share of early leavers from education and training (aged 18-24) should be less than 10%. Nevertheless, ELET remains still a serious challenge in many EU countries. Even if all countries have put in place measures to fight against early leaving, only a few have so far developed a specific ELET strategy, integrating prevention, intervention and compensation measures. The report also looks at how education, career guidance and cross-sector cooperation play an important role. It covers all the EU Member States as well as Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey. The reference year is 2013/14.

<http://bit.ly/1JeIVMJ>

### **Their Future is Our Future: Youth as Actors of Change**

The EU's Seventh Framework Programme for research, technological development and demonstration activities and the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme on Research and Innovation have been financing several research projects addressing directly or indirectly the current situation young people face. These projects have assessed the capabilities, prospects, attitudes and needs of the young generation through the multidisciplinary lens of economic, social and individual perspectives.

This publication gives an overview of the most relevant projects on youth and youth-related policies. The results of these projects are highly relevant for the new Juncker Commission agenda on «Jobs, Growth, Fairness and Democratic Change», and in particular relevant for the EU Youth Strategy, as the research aims to ensure the full participation of youth in an innovative, inclusive, sustainable and democratic Europe.

<http://bit.ly/1LVmMCX>

### **OECD Employment Outlook 2015**

The OECD publication provides an in-depth review of recent labour market trends and short-term prospects in OECD countries. The report looks at recent labour market developments focusing on minimum wages, draws on the OECD's International Survey of Adult Skills and considers skills and wage inequality, looks how policies to get job seekers back into work can help make labour markets more inclusive, examines job quality in terms of earnings mobility, labour market risk and long-term inequality. Finally, it discusses how job quality in emerging economies can be enhanced.

<http://bit.ly/1D724Nz>

### **EPALE Partner Search-consolidating the adult learning sector**

Open for community members to use and contribute content, the partner search can be used for exchanging ideas, methods and best practices, creating networking opportunities, and setting up project partnerships with individuals or organisations in the adult learning sector across Europe.

<https://ec.europa.eu/epale/node/5836>

### **Chinese-language online information platform**

Launched by the Delegation of the European Union to China as part of the activities to celebrate 40 years of EU-China diplomatic relations, the platform aims at providing a whole range of information about the European Union and its Member States to a Chinese audience. The platform gives access to information on key topics of interest for a young audience like travel and visas, universities and scholarships, culture as well as jobs in European companies and embassies. Furthermore, it has a cultural calendar with the latest updates on upcoming cultural events regularly provided by the embassies of EU Member States and cultural institutes that take place both in China and Europe and an interactive map providing information and statistics about each EU country.

<http://www.oumeng.eu>

### **Gender Equality Index interactive tool**

New tool by the European Institute for Gender Equality, it assesses the impact of gender equality policies in the European Union and in Member States over time. It is built around six core domains - work, money, knowledge, time, power and health and two satellite domains: violence against women and intersecting inequalities and it is based on EU policy priorities.

<http://eige.europa.eu/gender-statistics/gender-equality-index>

### **European Parliament Summer Quiz**

A new summer challenge launched by the European Parliament to learn how to recognise "summer" in all of the EU's official languages.

<http://bit.ly/1OoskmQ>

## Opportunities

### **EEA Photo Competition “Picture2050 – Living well within the limits of our planet”**

Launched by the European Environment Agency (EEA), the competition invites participants to share their views on Europe's environment. Participants should be 18 or older and be citizens of the [EEA member countries and West Balkan cooperating countries](#). They will have to submit a personal or a generic story, consisting of three photographs, depicting their vision, interpretation or understanding of 'living well, within the limits of our planet in 2050' along the three objectives of the [7<sup>th</sup> Environment Action Programme](#) (7EAP):

- [Natural capital](#)
- [Resource-efficient, low-carbon economy](#); and
- [Human health and well-being](#).

One entrant may submit maximum five entries (an entry consists of a set of three pictures). The winners will be awarded cash prizes of EUR 2,000 for the 1<sup>st</sup> prize, EUR 1,500 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, EUR 1,000 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize and EUR 500 for the Public Choice award and the Youth Prize. The Youth Prize will be awarded to the winning entry, selected among those submitted by persons aged between 18 and 24 (born between calendar years 1991-1997). All the finalists will be put forward for the Public Choice Award and may also feature in future digital and print material from the EEA and its European partners.

Deadline: **15<sup>th</sup> August 2015**, 23:59 CET.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1FirxO5>

### **Global Youth Video Competition on Climate Change**

Young people worldwide, from 18 to 30 years old (on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015), are invited to create a three-minute film about the action entrants are involved in to combat climate change. The videos may be recorded in any language, but English subtitles must be provided. There will be two winners: one will be chosen based on the number of views on TVE's YouTube channel during the voting period; and the other one will be selected by members of the UNFCCC Secretariat, UNDP-SGP and others. They will be both awarded with a round trip to COP21/CMP11 in Paris, France from 30<sup>th</sup> November to 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (inclusive of accommodation and other expenses); and a position as a youth reporter for COP21/CMP11, responsible for assisting UNFCCC Newsroom team with videos, articles and social media posts.

The Competition is a collaboration between the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the UNDP GEF-Small Grants Programme and the United Nations Joint Framework Initiative on Children, Youth, and Climate Change and Television for the Environment.

Deadline to submit films: **17<sup>th</sup> August 2015**, 23.00 GMT.

Find out more: <http://tvebiomovies.org/globalyouth.php>

### **EPP/CoR Study Visit for Master Students**

The European People's Party Group in the Committee of the Regions is inviting European students enrolled in a Master's degree programme related to European Studies, Political Science or International Relations to participate in a two-day study visit trip on 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015, in Brussels, Belgium. At the meeting, "Digital Skills For All: Reaching Our Potential Together", students will debate how digital and entrepreneurial skills can be taught. Participants will have to submit a one-page paper or a two-minute video on a topic of EU relevance following their visit.

Deadline to apply: **24<sup>th</sup> August 2015**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1IBY2zK>

### **Call for tenders (EAC/07/2015) - Framework Service contract to provide expertise and support for European Cooperation in Education, Training, Youth and Sport**

The European Commission will offer a framework contract to the selected service provider/consortium who will undertake to carry out the specific activities to enhance evidence-based policy making, support the European Commission's work, and strengthen the impact and added value of policies by providing reliable knowledge, evidence, analysis, and policy guidance. The expertise to be procured will relate to the policy context in the fields of education, training, youth and sport.

Deadline: **24<sup>th</sup> August 2015**, 16:00 (CET/CEST, Brussels time).

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1GV8T2Y>

### **Europe in My Region Photo Competition 2015**

Launched by the European Commission's Directorate General for Regional Policy, the competition aims to highlight the work that projects across Europe are doing with the help of EU funding, and explore the meaning of these projects to local communities.

EU residents or resident in a pre-accession country (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, and Turkey), from 18 years old, are invited to join the competition and upload up to three photos of a project receiving EU funding. Photos must show the billboard or plaque with the EU flag somewhere in the picture showing that the project featured has received EU funding. Three winners will be selected by a jury and will be awarded with a two-night trip for two people to Brussels between 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The winners must be available to visit the European Week of Regions and Cities event and participate in the award ceremony on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

Deadline: **28<sup>th</sup> August 2015**, 12:00 pm CET.

Find out more: <http://on.fb.me/SBPgrG>

### **European Youth Photo Contest**

What is it like to be young nowadays? Launched by the European Commission, the photo contest is inviting young people to share their creative interpretation of what being a young person in or outside of Europe is like. This can include pictures showcasing friendship, learning, travel, volunteering, or whatever represents being young to them. The winner will receive a €200 gift card.

Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> August 2015**.

Find out more: <http://woobox.com/n7icng>

### **Lorenzo Natali Media Prize 2015**

Launched by the European Commission, the prize rewards outstanding contributions made by journalists reporting on development, and in particular on the eradication of poverty. Under the motto "Today's stories can change our tomorrow" professional and amateur journalists will have to upload their own original journalistic work—either individually or, for jointly authored or produced items, as a group. All entries must have been published (print or online), broadcasted or have appeared in an agency dispatch for the first time between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015. Only one item or one extract from a series of journalistic works (i.e. one article or one radio/TV piece) can be entered. Entries must have been published in one of five regions: Africa; the Arab World and the Middle East; Asia and the Pacific; Europe; Latin America and the Caribbean and can be submitted in any of the 24 official European Union languages. Journalists are required to submit a summary (between 200 and 400 words) in English. A grand jury will reward one professional and one amateur journalist. The winners will receive trophies and cash prizes of €5,000. Furthermore, the winners will be qualified to win additional €5,000 Grand Prize during an award ceremony in Brussels, Belgium, in December 2015.

Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> August 2015**

Find out more: <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/lnp>

### **Traineeships at the European Commission - Translation traineeships**

DG Translation of the European Commission offers a small number of paid traineeships each year. They last five months and are open to graduates looking to gain some professional translation experience within the European institutions. University graduates from all over the world should be able to translate into their main language (normally their native language) from 2 other official EU languages. Their main language must be one of the official EU languages, their 1<sup>st</sup> source language must be English, French or German, and their 2<sup>nd</sup> source language can be any of the official EU languages.

The deadline for the traineeship period March-July 2016 is **31<sup>st</sup> August 2015** (12:00 pm CET).

Find out more: [http://ec.europa.eu/stages/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/stages/index_en.htm)



### **Europioneers 2015 Competition**

Launched by the European Commission, the competition aims to reward the best European Web Entrepreneurs of the Year as part of the StartUp Europe activities. Eligible entrepreneurs are web entrepreneurs who create new digital services and products that use the web and mobile as an indispensable component. Their main services and/or products should be innovative in the EU region and their company should be based in one of the 28 EU member states, and at least 50% of founders should be citizens or permanent residents of the EU member states.

The 2015 awards categories are:

- European Web Entrepreneur of the Year Award
- Young European Web Entrepreneur of the Year – Youth Award
- Female Web Entrepreneur of the Year

After the nomination round and a public voting round, the jury will decide on the actual winner that will be awarded on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in Helsinki, Finland.

Deadline for nominations: **31<sup>st</sup> August 2015**.

Find out more: <http://www.europioneers.eu>

### **Call for Papers: 'Human rights, right to food and land rights'**

On the occasion of EXPO Milan 2015 on the theme of "Feeding the Planet: Energy for Life" and in the context of the European Year for Development 2015, the Committee on Development of the European Parliament (DEVE) is organising a panel debate in the EU pavilion in Milan on the topic of "human rights, right to food and land rights - what legal instruments are needed?". The Committee is sponsoring a call for research papers and essays on the topic of the event: "Human rights, right to food and land rights". The call for papers is open to students currently enrolled in a university programme in the field of development studies, human rights, law or political sciences, agriculture, environment, regional studies.

Two students may be invited to present their papers at the DEVE panel debate at EXPO Milan on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> August 2015**, 10 am CET.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1IkM76x>

### **European Democratic Citizenship Awards**

The awards celebrate civic engagement and annually reward innovative civic initiatives and actors whose day-to-day struggles give real substance to European values, create ownership of the public space and improve the lives of communities in terms of democracy, social justice and universal access to rights. Four awards will be attributed falling under the following categories:

- The Campaign of the Year rewarding awareness raising or advocacy campaigns run in 2014, with a real and proven impact on community life or public action and a high potential of driving transformative change;

- The NGO of the Year rewarding non-profit organisations for innovative transnational activities implemented in 2014 that specifically promote the European values and the Council of Europe's Charter for education to citizenship and education to Human Rights;
- The Personality of the Year rewarding individuals for their outstanding and emancipatory contribution to the democratic life, the social progress and the development of their community;
- The Media Initiative of the Year rewarding collaborative initiatives for, by and with citizens that, using different tools such as Internet, social media, audio-visual materials, contribute to enhance participation, foster informed citizenry and enable the development of civic space. Special attention will be given in 2015 to initiatives promoting freedom of expression. Professional journalism initiatives are not eligible under this category.

Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> August 2015**. Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1Nzsr4>

### **Mediterranean Journalist Award 2015**

Journalists of written press, television, radio and new media, citizens of the 42 countries of the Union for the Mediterranean, are invited to submit their works tackling intercultural issues between and within Euro-Mediterranean societies ranging from diversity, tolerance, freedom of expression, fighting xenophobia, extremism and terrorism. Works could have been published in printed/online media, or broadcast on radio or television between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 and 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015. In addition, a special award will be dedicated to works reporting on "rising xenophobia and radicalisation" in the Euro-Mediterranean region. Five winners will be awarded during a prestigious awarding ceremony set to take place in London. The winners will receive a cash prize and will be invited to travel to other parts of the Euro-Med region as media ambassadors in the framework of the "Journalist Award: Exchange".

Deadline: **1<sup>st</sup> September 2015**. Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1gaEXWK>

### **European Youth Event 2016 Call for Programme Contributors**

The second edition of the European Youth Event (EYE), taking place in Strasbourg, France, from 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016, is looking for enthusiastic young people and organisations that would like to take part in shaping the EYE 2016 programme. They could get the chance to organise a workshop during the EYE2016 inside the European Parliament building or to become a YO!Fest partner of the European Youth Forum. Under the motto "Together we can make a change", workshop topics should be related to one of the five main EYE2016 themes:

- War and Peace: Perspectives for a Peaceful Planet;
- Apathy or Participation: Agenda for a Vibrant Democracy;
- Exclusion or Access: Crackdown on Youth Unemployment;
- Stagnation or Innovation: Tomorrow's World of Work;
- Collapse or Success: New Ways for a Sustainable Europe.

Deadline: **4<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1L1vL4M>.

*Please also look at the Opportunities folder within the Eurodesk intranet for news on European and international (funding) opportunities.*

## Highlights

### **Eurostat release: June 2015 Euro area unemployment rate**

According to Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, the Euro area (EA19) seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 11.1% in June 2015, stable compared with May 2015 and down from 11.6% in June 2014. The EU28 unemployment rate was 9.6% in June 2015, also stable compared with May 2015 and down from 10.2% in June 2014. In June 2015, 4.724 million young persons (under 25) were unemployed in the EU28, of whom 3.181 million were in the Euro area. Compared with June 2014, youth unemployment decreased by 386 000 in the EU28 and by 225 000 in the Euro area. In June 2015, the youth unemployment rate was 20.7% in the EU28 and 22.5% in the Euro area, compared with 22.1% and 23.6% respectively in June 2014. In June 2015, the lowest rates were observed in Germany (7.1%), Malta (10.0%), Estonia (10.1% in May 2015), Denmark and Austria (both 10.3%), and the highest in Greece (53.2% in April 2015), Spain (49.2%), Italy (44.2%) and Croatia (43.1% in the second quarter of 2015).

<http://bit.ly/1KFrem9>

### **Survey: The EU Youth Strategy 2010-2018 - What young people think!**

The European Commission has launched a survey on the EU Youth Strategy 2010-2018.

The EU Youth Strategy sets the framework for European cooperation in the youth field for the period 2010-2018 and aims to:

- provide more and equal opportunities for young people in education and the job market;
- encourage young people to actively participate in society.

Young people between the age of 15 and 30 are invited to join the survey and make their voice heard. The survey will only take 15 minutes and will be open until **16<sup>th</sup> August 2016**.

The survey is available in 6 languages:

English: <http://bit.ly/1DtIs0Q>

French: <http://bit.ly/1TTACH3>

German: <http://bit.ly/1efMQK4>

Italian: <http://bit.ly/1Ii7LZj>

Polish: <http://bit.ly/1CWQkwE>

Spanish: <http://bit.ly/1MnMFLw>

### **Survey: EU Youth Strategy 2010-2018 - What youth organisations think!**

The European Commission has launched an evaluation of the implementation of the "EU Youth Strategy" for the period 2010-2014. The EU Youth Strategy sets the framework for European cooperation in the youth field for the period 2010-2018 and aims to:

- provide more and equal opportunities for young people in education and the job market;

- encourage young people to actively participate in society.  
Responses to the survey will be used by the European Commission for its reflections on how it can improve cooperation at EU level on youth issues over the period 2016-2018 and beyond. The survey will take approximately 20 minutes and will be open until **16<sup>th</sup> August 2015**.

The Survey is available in 6 languages:

English: <http://bit.ly/1gfsDpz>

French: <http://bit.ly/1LMuwHn>

German: <http://bit.ly/1OvMCLr>

Italian: <http://bit.ly/1OyWtRh>

Polish: <http://bit.ly/1S6A0Az>

Spanish: <http://bit.ly/1OK2LxB>

### **EUCIS-LLL Erasmus+ Implementation Survey 2015**

Organised by EUCIS-LLL, the survey aims to evaluate what beneficiaries of the Erasmus+ programme think about it, if they are satisfied with its new features, if they encountered problems and what they would suggest to improve it. The survey will take between 15 to 30 minutes and will be open until **1<sup>st</sup> September 2015**.

<http://bit.ly/1G4mRf9>

### **Competences for Democratic Culture: Invitation to take part in testing descriptors**

The Education Department of the Council of Europe has developed a new theoretical model of the competences (i.e. the values, attitudes, skills, knowledge and understanding) that are required for democratic culture. Following consultation with international experts on the Model of Competences, the Education Department of the Council of Europe is welcoming feedback from education professionals at all levels on descriptors for these competences. The questionnaire is available in English, French, Russian, Georgian, Italian, Romanian and Spanish. German and Serbian will be added shortly. By answering this questionnaire, contributors will support the development of a framework of reference for democratic culture that will be available for use in educational planning and teaching in the 47 member states of the Council of Europe. The questionnaire will be open until mid September 2015.

<http://competence.intercultural.ro>

### **Almost 30 000 workers supported by the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund during 2013 and 2014**

During 2013-2014, the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) helped a total of 27 610 workers, who had been dismissed due to the economic crisis and the effects of globalisation, to find new job opportunities. A report adopted on 22<sup>nd</sup> July shows that, during this period, the EGF provided more than €114.4 million to assist workers in 13 Member States (Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania and Spain) in their transition and towards new job opportunities. The EGF funding was matched by another €94.1 million from national resources. The EGF report gives an overview of applications for support measures made in 2013-

2014 and also includes results from a number of cases for which final reports were received in 2013-2014. It shows that half the workers (7,656 out of 15,245) who participated in the EGF measures found new jobs or became self-employed. An additional 667 people were at that time in education or training to increase their future employability. Member States reported that the personal situation, employability and self-confidence of the workers concerned had visibly improved thanks to the EGF assistance and services. The results in terms of re-integration into employment are encouraging, given the difficult labour market situation in most Member States, and considering that the EGF supports workers in particularly difficult circumstances. Many measures concern mass lay-offs in a specific territory, often already suffering from high unemployment rates. It is also to be noted that the supported workers are often low-skilled or had other disadvantages as jobseekers.

<http://bit.ly/1DuhA0v>

### **New EU logo to help patients avoid online sellers of fake medicines**

From 1<sup>st</sup> July, all online pharmacies or retailers of medicines legally operating in the EU should display a new logo introduced by the Falsified Medicines Directive to protect patients. Europeans considering buying medicines online should look out for the logo on the webpages of an online pharmacy or other online retailers. The logo has a two-step verification process to ensure maximum protection from falsified medicines, which are usually ineffective, substandard and dangerous. When clicking on the logo, online shoppers should be taken to the national regulatory authority website which lists all legally operating pharmacies and retailers of medicines in a given Member State.

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/human-use/eu-logo/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/human-use/eu-logo/index_en.htm)

*Please also look at the News folder within the Eurodesk intranet for other European news from the network.*



## Upcoming Events

### **EURES Job Fairs**

Thinking about finding a job in another EU country?  
EUR Job Mobility Portal organises job fairs all over Europe.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/EUREScalendar>

### **12<sup>th</sup> August 2015: International Youth Day**

The International Youth Day is celebrated every 12<sup>th</sup> August as declared by the United Nations General Assembly. The theme chosen for this year is "Youth Civic Engagement". On this day, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the UN Development Programme (UNDP), with the support of the UN Inter-agency Network on Youth Development, are organising an event showcasing inspiring ways in which young people engage in civic, political and social spheres and exploring how the issue of youth civic engagement is an enabler for an enhanced and inclusive participation of young women and men in decision-making and public life. The event is free and will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (EDT).

Deadline for [registration](#): **4<sup>th</sup> August 2015**, 12:00 EST.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/TFa3v5>

### **7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September 2015: European Week of Sport, Europe**

Organised by the European Commission, the first European Week of Sport aims to promote sport and physical activity across Europe. The Week is for everyone, regardless of age, background or fitness level. With a focus on grassroots initiatives, it will inspire Europeans to #BeActive on a regular basis and create opportunities in peoples' everyday lives to exercise more.

Find out more: [http://ec.europa.eu/sport/week/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/sport/week/index_en.htm)

### **17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September 2015: Seminar "Integration versus Alienation: youth card as an effective tool" Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**

The seminar is part of the 2015 programme of activities of the Council of Europe Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card. The seminar aims to share good practice of EYCA member organisations in supporting the theme of the seminar in the Member States of the Council of Europe, present the Partial Agreement on Youth Mobility through the Youth Card and identify the potential contribution of European Youth Cards in supporting mobility and active citizenship at the local, national and European level.

Deadline to apply: **21<sup>st</sup> August 2015** (midnight CET).

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1H7BjU3>

**20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September 2015: 4<sup>th</sup> Global Education and Youth Trainer of Trainers, Mollina, Spain**

Organised in the framework of the 16<sup>th</sup> University on Youth and Development, the course aims to empower young people to further support the practice of Global Education (GE) as well as to develop competences of participants that are or will be actively involved in the implementation of the Universities on Youth and Global Citizenship.

The course is addressed to young people between 18 and 30 years old, who are key multipliers playing an active role within a youth organisation/platform or institution.

The course has participation fee of 25€.

Deadline to [apply](#): **6<sup>th</sup> August 2015**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1DhOmaH>

**20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September 2015: 1<sup>st</sup> Training of trainers on “Structured participation of young women in democratic processes”, Mollina, Spain**

Organised in the framework of the 16<sup>th</sup> University on Youth and Development, the first edition of the training of trainers is a new activity open to young trainers and/or youth workers, aged between 18-30 years old, who are actively involved in a youth or women organisation and in a project or initiative that aims at the participation of young people in democratic governance, decision and/or policy making. The training aims to enhance the participation of young women in political life, to raise awareness among young women from the Mediterranean on the principles of structured participation in democratic processes and to train young leaders to promote empowerment of women.

Deadline to [apply](#): **6<sup>th</sup> August 2015**.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1DIItNig>

**24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September 2015: Thematic University-Business Forum, Vilnius and Kaunas, Lithuania**

Universities and business from across Europe will come together to discuss how they can work more closely together to develop talent for the modern economy. The two-day conference will bring together around 200 people from the academic and business world, as well as national, regional and local authorities. The forum is organised by the European Commission in partnership with the Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science, the Lithuanian Rectors' Conference and the Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists.

Deadline: **14<sup>th</sup> September 2015**.



Find out more: <http://www.ubforum-lithuania.eu>

**29<sup>th</sup> September-2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015: 1<sup>st</sup> Training Course for Staff of Youth Centres, Budapest, Hungary**

The training Course aims to develop the competence of staff to integrate a Human Rights based approach within the educational programmes of individual centres participating in the Council of Europe Quality Label project. The course is addressed to staff who are directly involved in the educational programme of the Council of Europe Youth Centre; staff (volunteer or paid) of a Labelled Youth Centre, or a Youth Centre aspiring to apply and having attended a platform meeting. Participants should be available for the full duration of the training course and be able to work in English.

Deadline to apply: **24<sup>th</sup> August 2015.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1SEcvd1>

**19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015: Roma Youth Conference, Budapest, Hungary**

The second Roma Youth Conference aims to bring together Roma youth organisations, Roma youth representatives, policy makers and relevant Roma youth stakeholders for taking stock of the results and relevance of the action plan so far and to discuss the future policy orientations and inclusion of Roma youth. Participants should be between 18 and 35 years old, have some experience in activities with Roma young people, communities and organisations, be able to work in English or Romanes and be available for the whole duration of the conference.

Board, lodging and travel costs will be covered by the Council of Europe.

Deadline to apply: **20<sup>th</sup> August 2015, midnight CET.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1g3e60h>

**18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> November 2015: World Forum for Democracy 2015, Strasbourg, France**

The European Youth Foundation is inviting youth representatives to the 2015 edition of the World Forum for Democracy (WFD). Under the theme: "Freedom vs control: For a democratic response" the fourth edition of the Forum will engage with young people and with decision-makers and opinion-formers in a reflection on how to maintain a balance between freedom and control for security in European societies and will explore new ways of engaging young people in re-visioning the democratic arenas of today. Young participants, from 16 to 30 years old, residents in one of the 50 signatories of the European Cultural Convention, actively involved in civil society Democracy initiatives, supported by a youth organisation or network or informal group working on democracy should be available to participate fully in the World Forum for Democracy and the preparation process.

Participants will have to:

- submit the application form; together with a support letter from their NGO/sending organisation;
- post a short 1-minute video on YouTube, with the link attached to the online application form.

The common working language of the event will be English. Board, lodging and travel costs will be covered by the Council of Europe.

Deadline to apply: **30<sup>th</sup> August 2015, midnight CET.**

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/1HUbEjs>

### **Salto-Youth: Training Calendar**

The European Training Calendar contains current training offers of different institutions and organisations, such as SALTO, the National Agencies for the YOUTH IN ACTION Programme, non-governmental youth organisations, the European Youth Centres of the Council of Europe and the Partnership Programme on European Youth Worker Training. They are addressed to young people, group leaders, mentors, trainers and other specialists.

Find out more:

<http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/european-training-calendar>

### **Coming up: European Festivals**

European and worldwide Rock Festivals – although the layout is simple, the website has an extensive list of festivals.

<http://www.britishrock.cc/portal/festival/index.php>

A general site, with links to cultural events and festivals, not only rock festivals, in Europe.

[http://www.bugbog.com/festivals/european\\_festivals.html](http://www.bugbog.com/festivals/european_festivals.html)

Music Festivals Europe 2015

<http://www.festivalsearcher.com/festivallists.aspx?region=europe>

Europe Music Festivals 2015

<http://www.musicfestivaljunkies.com/all-festivals>

Searching for more background information on festivals, have a look at Wiki. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock\\_festival](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rock_festival)